

**Remarks / Arguments**

Method Claim 1 has been amended to recite the method steps in gerund form and to provide proper antecedent basis for terms recited therein. Claims 2-8 have also been amended to replace the words characterized by that with wherein where appropriate to conform the claims to U.S. practice and delete reference to elements in accordance with US practice. Claims 4 and 5 have been amended to depend solely on Claim 1, thereby eliminating all former multiple dependencies. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by these amendments, and respectfully request entry thereof prior to examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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